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FUEL OIL COMPOSITIONS )

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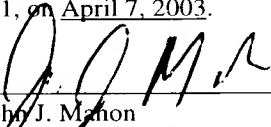
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AMENDMENT

In the above-entitled application, in response to the Official Action of February 12, 2003, kindly enter the following amendment and remarks.

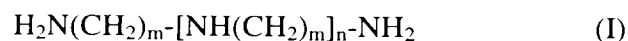
In the Claims:

Replace claim 1 with the following:

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Claim 1. (Amended) A fuel oil composition comprising a major amount of a liquid hydrocarbon middle distillate fuel oil having a sulphur

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concentration of at most 0.05% by weight, and a minor proportion of a dispersant additive obtained by reacting, in a molar ration A:B in the range 4:3 to 1:10, (A) a polyalkenyl derivative of monoethylenically unsaturated C4-C10 dicarboxylic acid material in which the number average molecular weight (Mn) of the polyalkenyl chain is in the range from 850 to 1150 with (B) a polyamine of general formula



wherein m is in the range from 2 to 4 and n is in the range from 1 to 3.

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Cancel claims 4, 5, 11 and 16.